

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am
12:00 noon

Morning Worship

May 16, 2021

Reflections

"God does not work through big battalions, He is not interested in numbers; He is interested in purity, in vessels fit and meet for the Master's use. We must concentrate, not on numbers, but upon doctrine, upon regeneration, upon holiness, upon the realization that this is a holy temple in the Lord, a habitation of God."

~Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Isaiah 12:1-6 (responsive)

¹You will say in that day:

**"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.**

²**"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."**

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

**"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

⁵**"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

⁶**Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise — Great is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



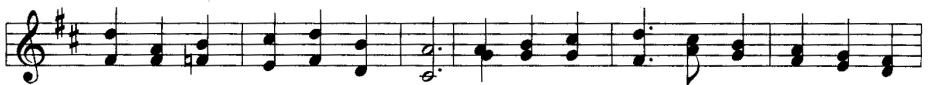
shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -



vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

I Come by the Blood

You are the perfect and Righteous God
Whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to Your holy place
How can I enter in
When Your presence bears no sin?
Through Him who poured out His life for me
The atoning Lamb of God
Through Him and His work alone, boldly come.

*I come by the blood, I come by the cross
Where your mercy flows
From hands pierced for me
For I dare not stand on my righteousness
My every hope rests on what Christ has done
And I come by the blood.*

You are the high and exalted King
The One the angels fear
So far above me in every way
Lord, how can I draw near
To the One the angels fear?

Through him who laid down his life for me
And ascended to your side
Through him, through Jesus alone,
I boldly come. (chorus)

Confession of Sin — Hebrews 3:12-15

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,
“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Response in Song — Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering* Matthew 6:19-21 — Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When

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therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Sermon — Bad Tenants

~ Pastor Steve Brown*

Closing Song — Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above the Heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Benediction

Postlude

**Steve has served as the Associate Pastor at Grace OPC in Vienna, VA since 2012. He and his wife Siobhan have five children. Steve holds degrees from Grove City College and Westminster Theological Seminary.*

Bad Tenants

John 15:9-17

1. God cares for us [v. 33]
2. God patiently warns us [vv. 34-39]
3. God will give His kingdom to those producing its fruit [vv. 40-46]

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Continue to pray for Pastor Francis and his family as they are away on their vacation. Pray for safety in travel, joy in the family time, and refreshment in the time spent away.
- Pray that we will be a people who produce good fruit for the Kingdom of God and that we will love and serve the Lord and bring honor and glory to Him.
- Pray for John Hardison who has been admitted to Frederick Memorial Hospital with head pain and breathing difficulties. Pray for his healing and for him to have peace.
- Give thanks that the Lord has continued to provide for all of our needs!
- Pray for peace and stability in our nation — that we will look for ways to love and care for our neighbors and not be divisive.
- Pray for all the government officials at the federal, state, and local levels that God has put in place over us. Pray that they will be honest, God-fearing, and humble servants.
- Pray for the couples from New Hope who are preparing to marry: Emily Howard/Leo Zavala, Caleb Mason/Joanna Wichern, Ellen Socash/Garrett Kennedy.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Ron Synder, Jen Bridenbaugh, Charles Ruch, Jen William's brother, Mike, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, Scott Innes, Kim Hanlin's father, John & Muriel Hadidian's daughter-in-law, the Wright family, Bill Wright, Ron Oakes, Ed Rodatus and those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones. Pray for strength to bear their difficult trials.

Frederick Area

- Pray for the missions that we support financially: CareNet Pregnancy Center, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and the Frederick Rescue Mission. Pray that God will continue to provide for all their needs.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel in the community, with our neighbors, and those we work with. Pray that hearts and minds will be turned toward Christ.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month — Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, NJ. Pray that the Lord would use this evangelistic ministry of the OPC to bring the gospel to many who don't know Him and that hearts and minds would be changed. Pray, too, for those who are going there to work and serve will be blessed, changed, and grown through their time there.
- Pray for Claire Hall as she serves in Scotland. Pray for their small church plant as they interact with the community — pray that their love and care will be evident and genuinely felt.
- Continue to pray for the health, safety, and well-being of Benny & Liesl Boyed as they serve in Nepal, Kristen in Europe, and Claire Hall in Scotland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- Ladies' Bible Study, every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the lower building in Sunday school classroom #3
- Trustee Meeting, Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 pm at the church
- Ladies' Night Out, May 20th at Ann Burden's home at 7:00 pm.

Ladies' Night Out, Ladies, please join us for a casual gathering at Ann Burden's patio at 7:00pm, Thursday, May 20. Some waters and light dessert will be provided, but feel free to BYOB and BYODessert, too! There will be some chairs available but you may want to bring your own in case of a high turn-out. Masking is not required. Ann lives at 4408 Noah Ct, Mt. Airy, MD. If so, contact Elease Layman (elease.layman@gmail.com).

Pastor's Vacation, Pastor Francis will be away May 3-26th on a family vacation and also for John Wise's installation in Nevada. The office will still be open and if you have pastoral needs you can contact an elder.

Help Wanted! Please consider if you might be able to fill any of these ministry needs. Each week we will highlight a few of these (*) so that you will have a better understanding of who to contact or what the position entails.

- Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study coordinator*
- Children's Church Coordinator for the 6-7 year olds*
- Children's Church teachers and assistants*
- Nursery worker volunteers
- Nursery team leader
- Youth Advisory Committee Member
- Men's Ministry Coordinator
- Growth Group Leaders
- Church Life Committee member
- Outreach Committee member
- Worship Committee member
- Boardwalk Chapel youth group co-coordinator
- Musicians
- Ushers & Greeters
- Helping Hands volunteers
- Indoor and outdoor maintenance volunteers
- Researcher for long-term maintenance fund

Ministries in Need... What are they, what does the position entail, and who do I contact? Keep reading! Below you will find a couple of the ministries highlighted. Contact the person in charge if you have more questions!

- **Helping Hands volunteers**, under the supervision of the diaconate is the helping hands ministry. This ministry was created to serve the seniors in the congregation and those who need help. Most of the work that is done is outdoor work a couple times a year. If you are willing to serve in this ministry, please contact either Matt Byrd (shzam5@comast.net) or Jackie Randall (jackiejrandall@gmail.com)
- **Indoor/Outdoor Maintenance volunteers**, we often have little jobs here and there around the church and the property that require help. To volunteer to help with indoor/outdoor maintenance does not require a lot of maintenance knowledge but a little would be helpful. If you can help, please contact Gingy in the office at admin@newhopeopc.org
- **Researcher for Long-Term Maintenance Fund** - With the creation of the new long-term maintenance fund, New Hope took a step in the right direction to prepare for big maintenance expenses. Now, the Board of Trustees is seeking help to set guidelines for this fund's use and growth. To do that, we need lots of research done on specific maintenance projects and costs, equipment and facility lifespans, and so forth. Best-fit helpers might have knowledge of maintenance, skills with data/spreadsheets, and/or just a general willingness to call various vendors to get quotes. Do you have one of these skills and time to serve New Hope in this way? Please contact Elease Layman (elease.layman@gmail.com) for more information.

DAILY DEVOTION

There will be no daily devotions this week.
